

ANSWERING REVIEWERS



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Dear Editor,

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Title: Expression of pyruvate dehydrogenase is an independent prognostic marker in gastric cancer

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The manuscript has been improved according to the suggestions of reviewers:

1 Format has been updated

2 Revision has been made according to the suggestions of the reviewer

Reviewer 1

(1) The authors need to discuss better what the mechanism of its prognostic role in their analysis.

Thank you for pointing out this very important suggestion. We have improved the discussion of the mechanism of PDH prognostic role in gastric cancer.

(2) There are some minor issues of language that should be addressed

Thank you for pointing out this problem, the minor issues of language had been addressed, and performed by professional English language editing company(in the file named AJE_Edited_9X31B C2T_14596_edited_download__ME1_edited_finalME.doc).

Reviewer 2

Major Comments:

(1) The figures and tables are vague. They should be simplified and include more descriptive legends to be presented as supporting evidence.

We have simplified the fig-1, fig-2, and removed the western blotting fig, and we added more descriptive legends in figs.

(2) Authors have used western blotting of PDH on gastric cancer and noncancer cell lines. It is not clear how this analysis helps their argument. As the results were not mentioned in the abstract nor were they discussed.

Thank you for this very important suggestion. The western blotting results, as you point out, were superfluous in our article. We had removed this analysis from our study on second thought.

(3) The discussion should include a more elaborate description of the pertinent "state of the art" and how it relates to the authors' findings.

Thank you for pointing out this significant suggestion. We have improved the discussion of the mechanism of PDH prognostic role in gastric cancer.

Minor Comments

(1) The methods used for statistical analysis should be clearly described for the tables to be better understood.

Thank you for this careful question, we added statistical analysis description under the tables.

(2) Every abbreviation should be described in full upon first usage.

Yes, we changed all abbreviation as you suggested

(3) Revision of the text by a native English speaker is highly recommended

Yes, we our paper had been sent and revised native English speaker from professional English language editing companies(in the file named AJE_Edited_9X31BC2T_14596_edited_download__ME1_edited_finalME.doc)

Reviewer 3

The manuscript should be accepted after Minor revision

Thank you for reviewing our paper, the manuscript has been improved according to your suggestions. The minor issues of language had been addressed, and performed by professional English language editing company.

3 References and typesetting were corrected

Thank you again for publishing our manuscript in the *World Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mingjun Sun', is shown on a light blue background.

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